Unhealthy edible oils

†607.SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent report by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), according to which the quantity of trans fatty acid, which is very dangerous to health, in edible oils has been found 5 to 12 times more than that of international standards which should be 2 per cent;

(b) if so, names of the companies from which samples of oil and ghee were taken; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government against defaulter companies and to bring down the quantity of trans fatty acids in edible oils, ghee and butter at the level of 2 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir. As reported in the newspapers, and also available on the website of the CSE, a report titled "Fatty acid profile of edible oils and fats in India" has been brought out in January, 2009.

(b) The companies from whom the samples were drawn by CSE as per the Report are M/s. Adani Wilmer Ltd., M/s Cargil India Pvt. Ltd., M/s Bungee India Ltd., M/s Marico Ltd., M/s Agrotech Foods Ltd., M/s RR Oomerbhoy Pvt. Ltd., M/s Dhara Vegetable Oils and Foods Company Ltd., M/s Jindal Oils and Fats Ltd., M/s Milk Food Ltd., M/s Sell Edible Oils Ltd., M/s Gujrat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd., M/s Amrit Banaspati Company Ltd., M/s. Consumer Marketing India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Recon Oil Industries Pvt. Ltd., M/s Shalimar Agro Tech Pvt. Ltd., M/s Sarda Agro Oil Ltd. and M/s Ruchi Infrastructure Ltd.

(c) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 do not prescribe any limit of Trans Fatty Acid in edible oils and fats.

Campaign for reduction of tobacco consumption

†608.SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the campaign to curb/minimize use of tobacco in Government sectors has been successful this year over last year;

(b) whether film Industry is not supporting it;

(c) whether Government has approved help for alternative crops under this campaign; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Government of India has not estimated the reduction in demand for

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